Urdu Study Guide 52

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# Materials for this Study Guide

* [Conversation Preparation Guides on LangMedia:](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/conversation)
  + Social and Family Life – Telling Stories – A Childhood Vacation
* [Urdu Resources on LangMedia](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk/Pakistan):
  + *CultureTalk Pakistan* Video: Education: [University Students](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/Pakistan/187/University-Students) - “A Textile Engineer”
* [*Language Learning Strategies and Tools on LangMedia*](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies)

# Assignments for Independent Study

## Telling a Story

* Step 1: Work through the “Practice on Your Own” section of this [Conversation Preparation Guide](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/conversation):
  + - Social and Family Life – Telling Stories – A Childhood Vacation
* Step 2: Plan ahead for each of the activities in the “Practice in Conversation Session” section of the “A Childhood Vacation” conversation preparation guide. Be prepared to tell about a childhood trip or outing (real or made up).
  + - **HAND IN:** Write description of some trip or outing you took as a child (real or made up). You could also write about someone else’s or that of a fictional character. Be sure to make proper use of the various past tenses to give foreground and background information on the events. Write at least 15 sentences.

## Engaging with Real Urdu

* Step 1: Watch the video: [LangMedia *CultureTalk Pakistan*: Education: University Students - “A Textile Engineer”.](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk-subtopics/Pakistan/187/University-Students) Do not expect to understand everything. Listen multiple times to see what you can understand, then study the transcript and/or translation and listen again.
  + - **HAND IN:**  Write at least 8 sentences describing what the speaker studies, why she studies it, and her reason for studying at only one of a small number of schools.
    - **HAND IN:** Write a pro and con (minimum 2 sentences per topic) of each of the following things, based on the video and your own opinions:
      * Studying a craft like textiles.
      * Studying a different subject, such as film or literature.
      * Studying a more career-oriented skill, such as business or engineering.
* Step 2:Be prepared to describe the speaker’s choice of career and current educational circumstances. Practice talking about it to yourself out loud.
* Step 3: Practice verbally giving reasons for studying or not studying crafts and also for various other subjects in which people specialize.

# Conversation Session Preparation

* Be prepared to perform the activities from [Conversation Preparation Guide](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/conversation):Social and Family Life – Telling Stories – A Childhood Vacation
* Be prepared to describe the speaker in the video’s choice of career and educational circumstances.
* Be prepared to discuss reasons someone might give for choosing or not choosing specific college majors or careers, and to do role plays on those themes. Be prepared to describe why you chose your own course of study and give some reasons.

# Homework for Tutorial

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* **HAND IN:**  Write at least 8 sentences describing what the speaker studies, why she studies it, and her reason for studying at only one of a small number of schools.
* **HAND IN:** Write a pro and con (minimum 2 sentences per topic) of each of the following things, based on the video and your own opinions:
  + Studying a craft like textiles.
  + Studying a different liberal arts subject, such as film or literature.
  + Studying a more career-oriented skill, such as business or engineering.